

**Department of French & Italian**  
**Graduate Research and Conference Travel Support**  
**Student Guidelines**

The Department of French & Italian has a limited amount of funds available each year to support the conference-related activities of its graduate students.

Applications (available from the Graduate Administrator and from the departmental website's graduate resources page, at <http://www.frenchanditalian.pitt.edu/resources>) for these funds will be accepted according to the following regular calendar of deadlines: **October 1, February 1, and April 1**. Decisions will be made by the French & Italian Planning and Budget Committee immediately after those cut-off dates. All FRIT awards, regardless of budgetary need or the amount of the request, will be capped at **\$300**.

**Application guidelines:**

- In order to qualify for consideration, students must be in good academic standing: all "I" grades must be resolved and all relevant benchmarks must be satisfied (as outlined in the French & Italian Graduate Policy).
- Students should consult their DGS or Dissertation Director (as applicable), as well as the Graduate Administrator, regarding conference budgeting and application procedures for outside funding; students must have already applied to as many non-FRIT funding sources as recommended before applying for FRIT funds. Outside funding sources include:
  - the A&S GSO (Graduate Student Organization)
  - the GPSG (Graduate and Professional Student Government) [[guidelines and application](#)]
  - the A&S PBC and Alumni Fund [[application and guidelines PDF](#)]
  - the ESC (European Studies Center) [[application PDF](#)]
- The funding application must contain an itemized budget (as indicated on the application form) of expenses and anticipated or completed applications for non-FRIT funding.
- The DGS or Dissertation Director must review, approve, and sign off on the application before submission.
- Students who have not yet been awarded funding through FRIT in a given academic year will be given priority over already-funded students.

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